

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 15

- 8:30 AM Nursery for Newborn- 4 yrs., **8:30-12:00**
- 8:30 AM The Class- Sunday school, **Room 202**
- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary**
- 9:45 AM Clubhouse Jam, **Kid's Clubhouse**
- 9:45 AM Sunday School & Small Group Classes, **Various Locations**
- 9:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service, **Chapel**
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary**
- 12:00 PM Baby Shower for Hope Giedl, **Thorpe Building**
- 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner, **Youth Room**

Monday, March 16

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
- 4:00 PM Stephen Ministry, **Parlor**

Tuesday, March 17

- 10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**
- 1:00 PM Women's Life Group, **Room 203**
- 6:30 PM UWF SIS Circle Meeting, **Parlor**
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts, **Thorpe Building**

Wednesday, March 18

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
- 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
- 4:30 PM Lift & Learn- Children's Choir, **Choir Room**
- 5:00 PM Children's Bible Fun, **Kid's Clubhouse**
- 5:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner, **Thorpe Building**
- 5:45 PM The Chosen, **Chapel**
- 6:00 PM Chancel Choir, **Choir Room**

Thursday, March 19

- 10:30 AM Lenten Bible Study, **Room 201**
- 12:00 PM Sunshine Circle Meeting/Lunch, **Tramici Restaraunt**

Friday, March 20

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
- 2:00 PM Memorial Service for Dick Pipe, **Sanctuary**
- 4:30 PM Bland /Tillman Rehearsal, **Chapel**

Saturday, March 21

- 4:30 PM Bland/Tillman Wedding, **Chapel**

WELCOME



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Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically,
&
The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently.*

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

Contemporary Worship

March 15, 2026

Chapel • 9:45 AM

Welcome

Kevin Lamb, Director of Music Ministry

Praise and Worship

Holly Lamb, Contemporary Worship Leader

Great Things

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Fellowship Time

God So Loved

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Confirmation

Confirmation is a time when young people publicly profess their faith in Jesus Christ and affirm the promises made at their baptism. After a season of study, prayer, and reflection, they commit themselves to Christ and to the ministry of the Church.

Today we celebrate **Raines Madison Tippet**'s decision and pledge our support as she continues to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Prayer

Holy Forever

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Today's Message

What Can I Say?

John 9:1-41
Rev. Tab Miller

Invitation

People Need the Lord

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Benediction

Traditional Worship

March 15, 2026

Sanctuary • 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

Kevin Lamb
Director of Music Ministry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Benjy Varnell
Interim Senior Pastor

* HYMN OF PRAISE #64

NICEA

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles Creed*

CONFIRMATION

Grayson Pierce Clark
Arden Joanna Culpepper
Elliot Edward Culpepper
Spencer Ray Hipsher
Scarlett Amelia Kirby
Harlow Elizabeth Robinson
Adeline "Addy" Clare Thompson

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FELLOWSHIP TIME

* FELLOWSHIP SONG #405 *Seek Ye First*

KID'S MESSAGE (11:00 AM)

Victoria Fryer
Director of Children's Ministry

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN #152

FOREST GREEN

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY

Sondra Anderson

RESPONSE #95

THE DOXOLOGY

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

How Great Thou Art

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-8

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Benjy Varnell

What it Takes to Serve

* INVITATION #593

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

Verses 1 & 3

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* *Stand As Able*



For Hearing Assist— Please see an usher.

Decisions, Decisions

No matter what our age or situation we all have to make decisions in life. Sometimes the decisions are easy, sometimes they are hard. Sometimes we can make informed decisions, and other times we just take a guess and hope we're right. I think when you're younger it seems easier to make decisions. I remember when I was eight years old the big concerns of life were things like wondering if the Yankees would win the World Series or what I would get for Christmas or if I would get a Mickey Mantle baseball card when I opened my 5 cent pack of cards with the world's worst bubble gum in it or if my bike would still peddle after I ran into a tree! Everything seemed a lot simpler then.

Someone once wrote, "The peak years of mental activity must be between the ages of 6 and 18. At six we know all the questions, and at 18 we know all the answers!" That's probably true but pretty soon after that we enter adulthood and life seems much more complicated. We have a lot of decisions to make! Things like financial decisions, career decisions, family decisions, health decisions, political decisions, and many others always seem to be looming on the horizon. As a result, we can find ourselves struggling with what to do and how to do it. We find that sometimes our decisions seem very clear, while at other times we're not so sure. We can quickly become decisively indecisive!

Jesus tells the story in Matthew of the man who had two sons. He asks them to go and work in the vineyard. The first one says, "No way, I'm not going! Too much to do." The second one says, "Sure Dad! I'll be glad to!" The first son later feels bad and decides to go and work, while the second one never shows up. The first son finally makes the right decision.

This Sunday is Confirmation Sunday and some young people will be making a decision! In my opinion, it will be the most important decision of their lives! It is the most important decision of each of our lives! It is the decision to follow Jesus as we commit our lives to Him! I hope we won't be indecisive on this one! Let's all say yes to Jesus and mean it as we live the life He is calling us to live! Once we make that decision, it's amazing how all the other decisions fall into place!

No turning back!

Benjy

Easter Hydrangeas

Order by March 30| Cost is \$25

Help place Easter Hydrangeas in the Sanctuary or Chapel to celebrate the Risen Christ. You may place a hydrangea plant in memory or honor of a loved one on Easter Sunday. Please take your hydrangea plant home with you after the 11:00am Easter Worship Service on Easter Sunday, April 5. Order Envelopes are in the pews or you may drop a check by the office.



Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF RICHARD "DICK" PIPE

Becky & Lawrence Bridges
Carolyn & Jimmy Hamilton

A GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF RICHARD "DICK" PIPE TO THE MUSIC MINISTRY

June & Bob Bowers

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Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stsimonsumc.com

March 8, 2026

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$32,419.00

Received YTD | \$244,054.36

Expenses YTD | \$219,637.30

Difference YTD | \$24,417.06

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$251,684.76

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$5,415.00

thank you

Attendance

March 15, 2026

8:30AM Worship Service: **76**

Online Worship Views: **535**

9:45 AM Worship Service: **62**

Sunday School/Small Group: **129**

11:00 AM Worship Service: **200**

Total In Person Worship: **338**

Members in Ministry~ March 8, 2026

Ushers:

8:30 Bill Foster, Joy Coleman, Elden Carmichael, Martha Dixon, Mike Presley

11:00 Dona Colglazier, Cyndy Franklin, Zdenek Kuja, Steve Smith, John Rentz, Buddy Brand

Greeters:

8:30 Carole Barton, Barbara Foster

9:45 Toni Metz, Ava White

11:00 Gayle Disque, Edie Payne

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee

9:45 Jessica Zettler

11:00 Elizabeth Daniel

Acolytes:

11:00 Piper Culpepper

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Dianne Beisel, Kari Cooper, Jenna Kennedy, **Randy Little**

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Beth, Mike Crews, **Anna Erlandson**, Family & friends of Preston Lawrence, John Mynatt, Family & friends of **Palmer Rich**, Angie Perry, Ann Sharp, **Sheila**, Family & friends of Karen Shelly, Gail Stanek, **Glenda Summerford**, Rebecca Suto, Family & friends of Morgan Whatley,

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Di Bailey, Ron Bateman, Jim Bennett III, Ranny Blount, Sam Bodine, Kai Booth, Cindy Bostick, Carlotta Budd, Trudy Budd, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, Russell Cohen, Trent Cohen, Cathy Bailey Crumbley, Betty Daher, Pat Daniels, Larry Daugherty, Mark Daugherty, Betsy Draughton, **Brenda Fields**, Geoff Fields, Sandy Fitzgerald, Karen Flagella, Dotsy Fuller, Barbara Golding, Mary McCreary George, Ken Graffis, James Gregory, Martine Haynes, Jennifer & Tom Higdom, Elwanda Hopkins, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, **Kevin Josey**, Holly Lamb, Ellie Leroux, Chris Lorence, Mike Martin, James McBride, Mike McDonald, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, Nathan Meadows, Kristen Merrill, Kirk Nowery, Randy Payne, Ann Pickard, Mary Rentz, Dawn Roberts, Anne Rogers, Irene Rohan, Jo Ann Segars, Bob Scherer, Bonni Smith, Brion Trainor, Rhonda Van View, Dave Vandersall, Mary & Bo Vice, Holly & Bill Wagner, Judy Whelan, Benjamin Wiggins, Chuck Wilson, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack

Assisted Living Prayer Concerns:

Heritage Oaks: Jackie Brand, Marjorie Lawrence, Norma Mock, Mel Rozier

Marsh's Edge: Nancy Reynolds, Ellen Thrift, Ray Thrift

Sears Manor: Joan Harris

Vitality: Judy Clifton

When a name is added to the New Prayer Concerns they will remain for TWO weeks unless the office is notified of an ongoing prayer concern. Names that are BOLD indicate a new addition or current concern.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS



Wednesday Night Dinner! 3/18

Join us for our next Wednesday Night Dinner! The dinner will include: **Marinated Pork Tenderloin, Sautéed Green Beans, Creamed Corn, Rolls and Dessert.**

Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and under eat for free. **Register by calling the Church office, clicking the QR code, or through Realm no later than noon Monday, to guarantee your reservation!**

Little Blessings– Wellness Kits

Sarah's UWF Circle and our Youth & Children are collecting travel size items for local agency to help those in need. Items will be collected from 3/8-3/29 in the Gholson room. Items needed include: **hand sanitizer, soap & washcloth, shampoo & conditioner, toothbrush, paste and floss, wet wipes, tissues, sanitary pads, deodorant, q-tips, disposable razors, underwear, comb & brush, hand cream, band aids, chap stick, sunscreen, bug spray, gallon zip-lock bags, or a \$10.00 donation made out to SSUMC– notated.** See the display in the Gholson room for more info.

Easter Egg Hunt

It is time again for our Easter Egg Hunt and Lunch on **Sunday, March 29** after the 11:00am service in the Thorpe Building.

Please Sign Up for lunch on Realm, by emailing Victoria, or calling the church office. We are catering our meal and need a count of your family and friends!

We are collecting candy donations for the easter eggs (Please NO chocolate or lollipops). Candy can be dropped off in the Gholson room! Contact Victoria at victoria@stsimonsumc.com



Lynx—Tall Ship



When: April 16 | 11:30 AM–2:30 PM

Where: Morningstar Marina

Cost: \$55 per person (includes gratuity)

Sign up on realm or by calling the church office with payment.

Alhambra Dinner Theater

When: Thursday, May 14- **Departure:** 10:30 AM- **Cost:** \$60

1776 is a musical chronicling the debates of the Second Continental Congress during the sweltering summer of 1776. The story follows John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson as they work to persuade delegates to declare independence from Britain, culminating in the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Sign up on Realm or through the Church office.

Baby Shower

We invite you to join us for a baby shower honoring Hope and Chandler Giedl as they prepare to welcome their sweet baby boy! Please join us TODAY- **Sunday, March 15**, immediately following the **11:00 AM service** in the **Thorpe Building**. Hosted by the Music Ministry and Church Staff. It will be a special time of celebration, encouragement, and sharing in the excitement of this precious new life.



HOLY WEEK

AT SSUMC

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29 – 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 am

We continue our preparation for Easter as we remember the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Children will be waving palms and singing at the 11:00 am service. Egg Hunt and Lunch to follow in the Thorpe Building.

Holy Monday

Monday, March 30 at 11:45 am

Join us for our Holy Week Service and Lunch. The Glynn Academy Choir will be here to sing at 11:45am for a beautiful beginning of the service. Get here early to hear them! Sign Up to bring salads, sandwiches or desserts to share or to help serve at the luncheon. Use our signup genius link or call the church office.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 2 at 6:00 pm

The Chancel Choir will lead a Tenebrae service featuring music, reflection, and Holy Communion. As the sanctuary gradually darkens throughout the service, the Tenebrae experience symbolizes the journey from the celebration of Palm Sunday toward the crucifixion remembered on Good Friday, as we wait in anticipation of the joy of Easter.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5 at 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00 am

All Easter worship services will be held in the Sanctuary. The 8:00 and 11:00 services will be traditional services featuring choir, brass, organ, and piano, with the Easter message delivered by Rev. Benjy Varnell. The 9:30 service will be a blended service including choir, brass, organ, piano, and praise team, with the message delivered by Rev. Tab Miller.

Guest Information

- **First time guests** please fill out the yellow, "Welcome Card" located in your pew. Please drop in the offering plate or bring to the Welcome Desk to receive a gift!
- Restrooms are located through the exit doors nearest the altar to your right or left.
- Sunday School for children & adults meets at 8:30 (adult only) & 9:45am.
- A nursery is available for children **4 years old and under**, located through the exit door to the right of the altar, 1st floor.
- Kid's Clubhouse (**5 years old - 5th grade**), leave together after the Kid's Message (except on the 1st Sunday of the month—Communion Sundays) for lessons, crafts, and games, and may be picked up on the 2nd floor.

Join the Church

If you would like to join St. Simons United Methodist Church you may do so by one of three ways:

Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ, Transfer from another United Methodist congregation or Transfer from another denomination
If you are interested in more information about becoming a member contact Rev. Benjy Varnell at benjyv@stsimonsumc.com | 912.393.4566